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Board of Ethics issues ethics guidebook

Guidebook distributed to all County employees, made available online

LĪHU'E – The Board of Ethics recently issued a guidebook titled 'A Guide to Ethical Issues in the Kaua'i County Government.' The guide explains the purpose of the Code of Ethics and where one may find it.

Examples cited in the guidebook include: gifts, confidential information, conflict of interest, assistance before State and County agencies, fair treatment and disclosures. A long-time project of the Board, the ethics guide was recently distributed to all County of Kaua'i employees. It is also available on the County Web site at <http://kauai.hawaii.gov> and in the Mayor's Office for members of the public.

"The Code of Ethics was established in order to set forth a high level of integrity in the County government," said Board Chair Sandy Helmer. "The guide should help people understand the need for fair, ethical practices."

The Board of Ethics is responsible for the administration of the Code of Ethics (Kaua'i County Charter, Article XX). It receives, hears and investigates complaints of violations of the Code of Ethics; renders advisory opinions or interpretations with respect to application of the Code upon request; and examines for possible conflicts of interest in all disclosure statements filed. Complaint forms and advisory opinion request forms are available through Board of Ethics staff at the Office of the Mayor.

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The guide serves only as a summary of the Code of Ethics. For a complete review of ethics regulations, refer to the Kaua'i County Charter, Article XX-Code of Ethics and the Internal Kaua'i County Regulations, Standards of Conduct, Chapter 3, Article 1.

The Board of Ethics currently consists of five volunteer members who are appointed by the Mayor and approved by the County Council. They are Sandra Helmer, chairperson, Michael Fernandes, vice chairperson, Georgia Mossman, Bill Clifford and Winnie Lu.

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